

## **Transcript of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Hydrogen Highways Network Announcement**

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### **GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER**

Thank you very much, Terry, for your wonderful introduction. I have to say that Terry is probably the best Secretary of the EPA that we've ever had in the history of our state. Give him a big hand. He's a great visionary.

I would also like to thank our other Secretaries that are here today. Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman -- a big hand for Mike Chrisman. And then we have Business, Transportation and Housing Secretary Sonny McPeak. A big hand for Sonny McPeak, a big hand for Sonny. And then we have here, and we already heard him, the Chancellor of UC Schwarzenegger -- I mean, Davis. You kept the name, uh? The Chancellor of UC Davis, Larry Vanderhoef. A big hand for Larry.

Anyway, this is really great, and I want to welcome all of you here. Thank you for coming. As you can see, this looks kind of like a movie set here, right? But of course it will be better, because what you see here today, this is the future of California and the future of our environmental protection.

All Californians deserve clean air and the promise of a healthy environment for generations to come, and this is exactly what we are doing here today. I will sign an executive order creating a public and private partnership that will create hydrogen highways all over the state of California by the year 2010. All across our highway system, hundreds of hydrogen fueling stations will be built, and these stations will be used by thousands of hydrogen-powered cars and trucks and buses.

This starts a new era for clean California transportation. These vehicles produce no emissions and no smog. They will clean the air and get rid of the smog that is hanging over our cities, and reduce the health problems caused by our pollution. Your government will lead by example and start using hydrogen-powered vehicles. And while we invest in a clean California, I will make sure that we get federal funds to support our innovative efforts.

As I have said many times, the choice is not between economic progress and environmental protection. Here in California growth and protecting our natural beauty go hand in hand. It goes together. A healthy environment leads to a

healthy economy and a more productive workforce, and a better quality of life for everyone.

And as you know, we now have workers compensation reform. I signed the bill yesterday. That means it will be cheaper to do business in California. And of course this is great news for this effort, because now we are even more attractive for companies on the cutting edge of environmental technology. They will want to expand here, and they will want to do business here in our great state of California.

California will be the research capitol, the business capitol, and the job capitol of innovation and technology. We are the caretakers of our golden state, and the hydrogen highway will help us protect our extraordinary coastlines. It will help us protect our spectacular forests and our wonderful mountains and deserts, and make California a cleaner and healthier place for everyone. Thank you very much. Thank you.

And now, let's sign the bill. Let's create some action.